

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING SECURE TWO-PARTY PUBLIC
KEY CRYPTOSYSTEM**

Abstract

Techniques for an efficient and provably secure protocol by which two parties, each
5 holding a share of a Cramer-Shoup private key, can jointly decrypt a ciphertext, but such that
neither party can decrypt a ciphertext alone. In an illustrative embodiment, the secure protocol
may use homomorphic encryptions of partial Cramer-Shoup decryption subcomputations, and
three-move Σ -protocols for proving consistency.